



United We Stand:

Encouraging Diversity in Kentucky's Leaders





On the Cover

On March 16, 1922, James E. Hudson, an elevator operator in the capitol, became the first African American to address the Kentucky General Assembly. A volunteer missionary at the state reformatory, Hudson was known as a man who kept a Bible with him at all times and read it when he was not operating the elevator. While an evolution bill was being debated, some legislators sought a Bible they could use in their arguments, and Hudson offered his own. Seeing that Hudson's Bible was worn, Representative George C. Waggoner from Scott County took up a collection and bought Hudson a new one, along with a Bible dictionary. Hudson made his remarks in the House chamber in response to the presentation of this gift.



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Dear Fellow Kentuckians:

Beginning with the first African American to accompany Daniel Boone into the wild frontier of Kentucky in 1769, our great Commonwealth holds a rich yet often untold history of racial diversity. Time and time again outstanding Kentuckians prove themselves willing to answer the call of public service. Men and women of all colors and creeds dedicate themselves to a life of community involvement to ensure that everyone is fully and fairly represented in the cities and counties across Kentucky.

The struggle for equal opportunity and just representation has been, and unfortunately, continues to be an arduous and painful endeavor. Both in spite of and because of these obstacles, many before have given their lives to pave the foundations for equality. This report is a tribute to those individuals, but it is my hope that it will also serve as an inspiration to those who will, and in fact, must continue this fight.

We recognize that this publication highlights only a small sampling of the public service that minorities have given to the Commonwealth. There are thousands of other voices and stories that have been repressed by discrimination. This publication is as much dedicated to our silent heroes as it is the public ones. I encourage you to pay tribute to these individuals by sharing your own stories of triumph. Only by contributing to the dialogue can we look to the future with the eager expectation of even greater things to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson".

Trey Grayson



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Elaine Chao

Do you think it is easy for a minority to become involved in politics in Kentucky?

Being involved is as easy as voting. It's as easy as calling a campaign office or party headquarters to volunteer. It's as easy as putting a bumper sticker on your car or a sign on your lawn or in your window. Our country is increasingly diverse, so it benefits us all to have more people get involved. All it takes is some energy, commitment and motivation.

What are your favorite/least favorite aspects of being a public official?

Favorite aspects include having a ringside seat as history is made. The least favorite aspect is the time I must spend away from Kentucky and from my husband.

What previous experiences prepared you for this position?

My work experiences in the private, non-profit, and public sectors, my own life experiences, and my educational background have prepared me well for my leadership role at the Department of Labor. My experience as a newcomer to this



Born: March 26, 1953
Hometown: Immigrated from Asia at age of eight, Louisville
College: Mount Holyoke; Harvard, MBA
Party Affiliation: Republican
Term: 2001 - present
Spouse: Senator Mitch McConnell

society has given me great understanding and compassion of the challenges that many others in our country face. Our family's difficulties in our early years have given me deep empathy for the difficulties that others confront and also, an appreciation of the many opportunities that our country offers. I am a better leader today because of the sum of my experiences. Because of my experiences, I am totally committed to ensuring that equal opportunity is available and acces-

sible to all Americans.

Do you find it easy or difficult to balance your public life with your private life?

Like many other working couples, my husband and I always treasure our time together. With our respective busy careers, it's a challenge to find private time. But, that's why it's important to have a commitment to find and spend quality time with one's loved ones. Regardless of what we do, it's important to remember that the true treasures of life are good health, family and friends.

Interview Highlights from Elaine Chao
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United States Secretary of Labor

1898

African American leader Edward E. Underwood formed the State League of Republican Clubs in KY and was the first president.₁

1920

Annie Simms Banks was reportedly the first African American female, fully credited delegate at the 7th Congressional District Republican Convention in Kentucky.₂

1921

The Lincoln Independent Party was formed by a group of young African American male leaders in Louisville who wanted to influence support away from the Republican Party.₃

1933

Eugene K. Jones was appointed as advisor on the Negro Affairs for the US Department of Commerce.₄

Employee Summary of State's Workforce

Racial/Gender Group	Percentage
White Male	46.59
White Female	45.77
Minority Male	3.32
Minority Female	4.32

Source: Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

Minorities in State Employment

Percentage of Minorities in Full-time Government Jobs

Year	Percent
1974	5.8
1978	6.6
1982	7.3
1986	7.3
1990	7.1
1994	7.0
1998	7.4
2001	7.8
2003	7.7

Source: Kentucky Commission on Human Rights



1936



Charles W. Anderson, Jr. was the first African American elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives.⁵

1948

Dennis Henderson was the second African American elected to the Kentucky General Assembly.⁶

1954

Felix S. Anderson was the first African American Democrat and the fourth African American in the Kentucky General Assembly.⁷

1960

William H. Childress Jr. introduced House Bill 163, which created the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.⁸

Mike Irby



What has been your most rewarding moment?

To tell you the truth, I don't know. There have been so many. Of course, when I got elected, that was one of my happiest moments. The second time was [even] more exciting.

What are your favorite aspects of being an elected official?

Helping people out. I try to do whatever I can to help all the people instead of just some. The main thing is to keep an open mind; you need

Born: June 5, 1937
Hometown: Burkesville
College: Lindsey Wilson
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Term: 1998 - present

As a minority, what challenges have you encountered or do you currently encounter as an elected official?

I came from China. My dad's American; my mother's Chinese. Of course, we were the first Chinese to come to this part of the country 50 years ago. It makes it hard. Most people are good to us, but you always have a few who

cause trouble every chance they get. I enjoy being mayor, but it's kind of hard.

Interview Highlights from Mike Irby

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**Mayor
 City of
 Burkesville**



1960

William H. Childress Jr. introduced House Bill 163, which created the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.⁹

1961

Amelia M. Tucker became the first African American woman to be elected to the KY State Legislature.¹⁰

1963

Harry N. Sykes became Lexington's first African American City Councilman.¹¹

1967

Georgia D. Powers became the first African American and woman elected to the KY Senate.¹²



William E. McAnulty



Born: October 9, 1947

Hometown: Louisville

College: Indiana University;
University of Louisville, J.D.

Term: June 2006

Spouse: Kristi W. McAnulty

What inspired your initial interest in politics?

I understood very early in life that the political process had a significant impact on our very existence. Through parental encouragement, I was eager to participate and have a voice in government.

Have you had a mentor or role model that has impacted your life or political involvement?

I have been fortunate in my life to have had many mentors. My first mentor was Rev. Clinton Marsh, my childhood minister, who provided me the confidence to overcome obstacles and think through problems.

What has been the most memorable moment within your political experiences?

My most memorable moment was the occasion

of my investiture on the Kentucky Supreme Court. It was a ceremony of historic proportion for the entire Commonwealth.

Do you think it is easy for a minority to become involved in politics in Kentucky? What have been the advantages/disadvantages or your involvement?

Involvement is easy; impactful involvement is the hard part. History will decide my contributions.

The only disadvantage is the surrender of privacy.

Do you have any words/quotes that guide you in your public service?

I try to be a good listener and always keep an open mind.

Interview Highlights from William E. McAnulty

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Kentucky Supreme Court

1968

Luska J. Wyman became the first African American Mayor in Kentucky (Mayor of Glasgow).¹³

1972

James W. Dulin was the first African American on the Earlington City Council in Hopkins County. He was later appointed mayor of Earlington.¹⁴

1973

Herbert L. Adams was the first African American elected to office in Garrard County.

1973: Melwood Hocker was the first African American jailer in Kentucky.¹⁵

1973: Cornell Jones was the first African American elected official in Graves County.¹⁶

1973: Nathaniel Strickland was the first African American elected official in Irvine, Kentucky.¹⁷

Reginald Meeks

What advice would you give to an African American who is trying to become more involved in his or her community?

It is critical for any individual, regardless of race, who is trying to become more involved in his or her community to establish a value-system, a personal and political moral system which sets out the priorities in your life. These priorities must become so basic and engrained in your life that they will not be compromised by the challenges you will confront as you become more involved. You must be willing to stand, and to stand alone, on these fundamental principals that you try to live your life around, and that you try to base your public service upon.

I also urge you to find others who are as passionate about and committed and dedicated to those



Born: March 21, 1954
Hometown: Louisville
College: Wabash College, B.A.;
University of Iowa College of Law, J.D.;
University of Louisville, Ph.D. (pending)
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Term: 2001- present
Spouse: Single

things that are important to you as you are. It is better to have a handful of people you can count on than an army about which you have doubts.

Would you advise minorities to consider public office?

I would absolutely encourage the pursuit of public service in holding public office. It is the most challenging, most rewarding, most frustrating activity that one can engage in. Holding public office will reveal more about yourself, and reveal more about others, than one can imagine. It will seek to change you in ways that will lead to growth and to revelation. Hopefully, it will lead to a greater sense of humanity, purpose and to a clearer understanding [of] those who would do you and your community harm.

Interview
Highlights
from
Reginald
Meeks
•
State
Representative

1975

1975: Joe W. Denning was the first African American to serve on the Bowling Green School Board.²⁰

Carl L. Anderson was the first African American elected to the Bardstown City Council.¹⁸

1975: Charles Baker was the first African American member of the Millersburg City Council.¹⁹

1975: K.D. Frison was the first African American elected to the Benham City Council.²¹

1975: Frank Goodloe Sr. was the first African American appointed to the New Castle Board of Trustees.²²

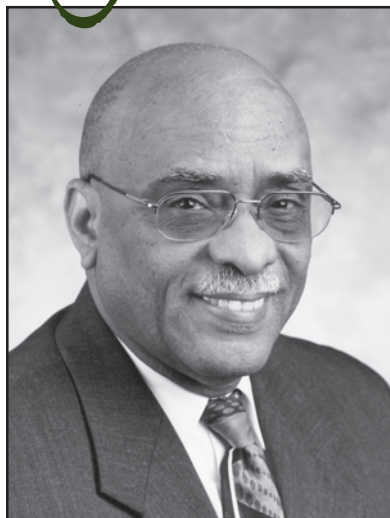
1976

Rhoda R. Ayers was the first African American member of the Newport Independent Board of Education.²³

1976: Luther Mason was the first African American elected to the Scott County Board of Education.²⁴

1976: Benjamin F. Shobe was Louisville's first elected city police judge.²⁵

Darryl Owens



As a minority what challenges have you encountered or are you currently encountering in your position?

Well, I've learned to deal with [challenges]. It's tough because I think there are some perceptions of African Americans. One, that you can only represent African American districts. I think if you look throughout the state, most African Americans represent African American districts. So the question isn't can they effectively represent their particular district; the problem is getting into that particular position to do that.

How do you think voters will get over the stereotype that minorities can only serve their particular group?

Well I have mixed emotions. People vote for people they know. Women generally vote for women, labor people vote for labor people-that type of thing. I think it is just a matter of getting to that position where you can demonstrate your abilities.

What advice and steps would you give to a minority who is trying to become more involved in his or her community?

Get involved. Get involved whether it is a neighborhood or a street watch group non-profit. Get involved. I think that involvement in the community comes first, involvement in other candidates races. If there is somebody running and you like their views and you like what they say then go offer your

services. Offer yourself to stuff envelopes; to walk door to door; contribute one, five, ten dollars. Get involved in your community Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and your church or neighborhood watch club. Get involved. People get to know you through your involvement. You'll be a much better elected official with that experience and that knowledge.

Born: November 10, 1937

Hometown: Louisville

College: Central State University, B.A.,
Howard University School of Law, J.D.,

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Term: 2001 - present

Spouse: Single

Interview Highlights from Darryl Owens

State Representative

1977

Francine T. Coulter was the first African American elected to the Danville Independent School Board.²⁶

1977: J.C. Flippin was the first African American councilman elected to office in Franklin, Kentucky.²⁷

1977: W.J. Hodge was the first African American president of the Louisville Board of Aldermen.²⁸

1977: Alphonso Moore was the first African American elected to the Jenkins City Council.²⁹

1977: Dorothy Morrow was the first African American woman on the Lynch City Council.³⁰

Jesse Crenshaw was the first African American lawyer appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney for Kentucky's Eastern District.³¹

1978: Thelma Johnson was the first African American elected official in Henderson County.³²

Georgia Powers

What inspired your initial interest in politics?

I was not interested in politics. An elderly woman at my church asked me if I wanted to work for the Democratic Party-for the Wilson Wyatt campaign. Three straight Sundays she asked me, and finally, I said "yes" so she would stop asking. I worked making copies, campaign fliers, and informative things. My main job was to keep it organized. I had always despised segregation and I said that this is where to be in a position to affect policy, in a position to affect change.



Born: October 19, 1923
Hometown: Springfield, KY
College: Louisville Municipal College
Party Affiliation: Democrat
Term: 1967 - 1988

Have you had a mentor or role model that has impacted your life or political involvement?

I only had that woman in my church that got me involved in the campaign. The other role model was my mom, who raised nine kids. I get my fearlessness from my grandmother.

How can you sum up your mindset as a state senator?

I was on a mission in Frankfort. I did not want to come back and think I wasted my time or did not do all I could. You build your legacy day by day.

Interview Highlights from Georgia Powers
 •
Former State Senator



1979

Carl R. Hines Sr. was the first African American state representative elected from the 43rd House District.³³

Harold Greene became the first African American to serve as Administrative Assistant to a Governor; in this case, Governor John Y. Brown.³⁴

Bobby L. Irvine was the first African American mayor of Taylorsville.³⁵

1980

1980: Alma L. Randolph was the first African American woman elected to Beaver Dam City Council.³⁶

1980: George Wilson was appointed commissioner of the Department of Corrections. The agency was later elevated to cabinet status, making Wilson the first African American to serve as a Kentucky Cabinet Secretary.³⁷

Profiles

Charles W. Anderson, Jr.

Kentucky's first black legislator and the first black lawmaker in the South since Reconstruction. Elected to the General Assembly in 1935 and served six terms. Sponsored measures to improve educational opportunities for blacks. Attended Kentucky State College and earned a law degree from Howard University. In 1946, Anderson was the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney for Jefferson County. He was the first black lawyer to occupy such an office in the South. Appointed Alternate Delegate to U.N. by President Eisenhower.



Source: Kentucky Commission on Human Rights

Johnson continued teaching at Central until 1966, then spent another seven years in the Jefferson County Public Schools as an assistant principal at several schools. Along the way, he also continued his civil rights work. Always outspoken in denouncing discrimination, he led struggles to integrate neighborhoods, swimming pools, schools, and restaurants, and headed the Louisville chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for six years. Lyman T. Johnson Middle School was named in his honor in 1980.

Born in 1906 in Columbia, Tennessee, Johnson was the grandson of former slaves. He died in Louisville in 1997.

Source: www.ket.org

Lyman T. Johnson

Lyman Tefft Johnson is best known as the plaintiff whose successful legal challenge opened the University of Kentucky to African American students in 1949. But by the time of that lawsuit, he had already been teaching at Louisville's Central High School for 16 years, having earned a master's degree in history from the University of Michigan in 1931, and was a local leader in the fight to equalize the pay of black and white teachers.



Mae Street Kidd

Mae Street Kidd served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1968 to 1984, representing Louisville's 41st legislative district. She sponsored legislation to make Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a state holiday as well as bills to provide open housing and low-income housing in Kentucky. Passage of the "Representative Mae Street Kidd Bill" created the Kentucky Housing Corporation.



But Kidd's proudest accomplishment in the General Assembly, she always told interviewers, was her campaign concerning three long-neglected amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

1981: Clarence M. Pendleton, Jr. was appointed by President Ronald Reagan to become the first African American chairman of the US Commission on Civil Rights.³⁸

1981

Wendell Banks was the first African American elected to the Ashland City Commission.

1981: Dorothy C. Shelton was the first African American woman on the Morganfield City Council.³⁹

1983

Kipley D. Carr was the first African American student representative on the Bowling Green Independent School Board.⁴⁰

1985

James W. Bailey, Jr. was the first African American elected to the West District Magistrate on the Simpson County Fiscal Court.⁴¹

R.C. McFarland Sr. was the first African American elected to the Owensboro City Commission.⁴²

Kentucky had never ratified the 13th Amendment, which ended slavery; the 14th, which extended full citizenship rights to African Americans; or the 15th, which gave black men the right to vote. In 1976, more than 100 years after they became law, Kentucky's General Assembly finally corrected the historical oversight and unanimously ratified all three.

Kidd also organized the first Louisville Urban League Guild, in 1948, and served as president of the Lincoln Foundation. The NAACP gave her its Unsung Heroine Award, and she received a Louisville Mayor's Citation for Outstanding Community Service. She died in 1999.

Daughter of a white father who never acknowledged her, Kidd was more than three-fourths white but legally black by the standards of the early 20th century. Throughout her life, she struggled for acceptance in both the white and black communities.

Source: www.ket.org

Rufus B. Atwood

Atwood improved educational opportunities for Blacks and brought full accreditation to Kentucky State College as president from 1929 - 1962. He led the battle for desegregated education in Kentucky beginning in the 1940's. Atwood earned Bachelor Degrees from Fisk University and Iowa State College and a Master's Degree from University



of Chicago. He received the Bronze Star for bravery in the 369th U.S. Infantry, an all-black unit that served in combat longer than any other U.S. unit in World War I. He was also the first black awarded the University of Kentucky's Sullivan Medallion for devoting "a lifetime to the education of young people and ...for the advancement of interracial relations."

Source: *Kentucky Commission on Human Rights*

Whitney Young, Jr.

Young championed equal opportunity for black Americans as national Urban League Director (1961-1971). He was born in Lincoln Ridge while his father was President of Lincoln Institute. He was a graduate of Kentucky State University and received a MA from the University of Minnesota. He became Dean of School of Social Work at Atlanta University (1954-1961). Young served on several presidential commissions and received the Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.

Source: www.ket.org



Profiles

1986

1985: George T. Williams was the first African American to hold office in Taylor County.⁴³

Karla L. Black was the first African American elected to the Richmond Independent Board of Education.⁴⁴

1987

Yvonne Y. Giles was the first African American woman elected to the LaGrange City Council.⁴⁵

1987: Ernest A. Jasmin was the first African American Commonwealth's Attorney.⁴⁶

1987: Lavenia Watkins was the first African American woman elected to the Hopkinsville City Council.⁴⁷

Military Profiles

Colonel Charles D. Young

Born in Mays Lick, Kentucky, Colonel Charles Young was an African American cavalry officer who held important intelligence assignments in the early years of the 20th century. He was the third black to graduate from West Point, and the only one to endure the racial injustice of the times and still made the Army his career. Colonel Young overcame open hatred and disrespect by mastering his profession and leading by example. He did not become a leader by virtue of his commission in the U.S. Army—he earned it by working harder than any other officer and by displaying courage and intelligence in combat. He was an accomplished linguist and, when he was not serving with one of the Black Regiments, he worked in intelligence. He was one of the early military



attachés, making extended reconnaissance missions into Haiti and Santo Domingo. He served on two more occasions

as a military attaché in additional tours to Liberia.

Forced to retire due to a disability on the brink of World War I, he demonstrated his fitness for further duty. Colonel Young rode on horseback from Wilberforce, Ohio, to Washington, D.C., where he offered his services to the war effort, in his words “gladly at the risk of life, which has no value to me if I cannot give it for the great ends for which the United States is striving.” The War Department did not accept his offer; instead, he again went on attaché duties to Liberia, where he died of fever in January 1922.

Excerpted from the University of Military Intelligence

Source: www.umi-online.us/mipb

Kentucky Minority and Military Service

Master Chief, Carl Brashear

Carl Brashear grew up on a farm in Kentucky as part of sharecropper's family. After being educated in small segregated schools, he enlisted in the Navy in 1948 and underwent recruit training at Great Lakes, Illinois. After initial duty as a steward, he began handling aircraft for squadron VX-1 at Key West, Florida, and was subsequently rated as a boatswain's mate. He served in the escort carriers Palau (CVE-122) and Tripoli (CVE-64) and began taking training in salvage diving. Other duties were in USS Opportune (ARS-41); Naval Air Station Quonset Point, where he escorted President Dwight Eisenhower; Ship Repair Facility Guam; Deep-Sea Diving School; the submarine tender Nereus (AS-17), and Fleet Training Center Pearl Harbor. He also had temporary duty with Joint Task Force Eight for nuclear tests in the Pacific. He served in the USS Coucal

(ASR-8), USS Shakori (ATF-162), and USS Hoist (ARS-40). While on board the latter in 1966 for the recovery of a nuclear weapon off Spain, Brashear was badly injured in an accident; as a result, surgeons



amputated his left leg below the knee. He refused to submit to medical survey boards attempting to retire him as unfit for duty. After demonstrating that he could still dive and perform his other duties, he served in Harbor Clearance Unit 2, Naval Air Station Norfolk, Experimental Diving Unit, submarine tender Hunley (AS-31); USS Recovery (ARS-43), Naval Safety Center, and Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity Norfolk. In 1970 he qualified as the first black master diver in the history of the U.S. Navy. Master Chief Brashear's memoir also includes material on his post-retirement employment and a candid description of his treatment in the Navy's alcohol rehabilitation program.

Excerpted from the University United States Naval Institute

Source: <http://www.usni.org/oralhistory/b/brashear.htm>

KENTUCKY VETERANS BY RACE/ETHNICITY, 2005-2006

Source: VetPop2004, Version 1.0, VA Office of the Actuary The values shown are estimates & projections that should be reported to the nearest 100.

Date	Hispanic Of Any Race	White Non-Hispanic	Black Non-Hispanic	American Indian Non-Hispanic	Asian Non-Hispanic	Pacific Islander Non-Hispanic	Other or Multiple Race Non-Hispanic	Total
9/30/2005	4,392	317,086	28,210	1,400	910	203	3,374	355,576
9/30/2006	4,481	312,324	28,420	1,409	927	206	3,418	351,185

1988

1989

1990

1991

Gary D. Payne was the first African American judge in Fayette County.⁴⁸

John W. Shannon of Louisville is sworn in as the Under Secretary of the Army.⁵⁰

Gerald A. Neal was the first African American male elected to the Kentucky State Senate.⁵¹

William Cofield Jr. was the first African American appointed to the Franklin County Board of Education.⁵²

1988: Laken Cosby Jr. was the first African American chairman of the Jefferson County School Board.⁴⁹

1991: Janice R. Martin became the first elected African American woman judge in Kentucky.⁵³

Minority Service Population of Kentucky As of May 2006

RACE	NON-HISPANIC	HISPANIC	TOTAL
American Indian/Alaska Native	311	4	315
Asian/Pacific Islander	899	3	902
Black	6,613	119	6,732
White	25,569	2,035	27,604
Multi Race	10	0	10
Unknown	843	1,250	2,093
TOTAL	34,245	3,411	37,656

Kentucky Veteran Minority Data

These figures are statewide estimates as of 30 SEP 05:

Total veteran population in Kentucky = 355,576

Hispanic of any race = 4,392
 Black = 28,210
 American Indian = 1,400
 Asian = 910
 Pacific Islander = 203
 Other or multiple race = 3,374

Medal of Honor Recipients

WOODS, BRENT (Western Campaigns 1881)

Rank: Sergeant

Service: U.S. Army

Birthday: 1850

Place of Birth: Pulaski County, Kentucky

Date of Death: 31 March 1906

Cemetery: Mill Springs National Cemetery A-930 (MH)—Nancy, Kentucky

Unit: Company B, 9th U.S. Cavalry

Battle or Place of Action: New Mexico

Date of Action: 19 August 1881

Date of Issue: 12 July 1894

Citation: Saved the lives of his comrades and citizens in the town by his courageous conduct under superior enemy attacks.

(<http://www.jimcrowhistory.org/resources/pdf/medallofhonor.pdf>)

"After hostile Indians attacked a ranch near Camp Canada Alamosa, New Mexico, Second Lieutenant George Burnett took the first available detachment to pursue and attack the hostile Apache marauders. With a fifty-man force, some of whom were mounted Mexicans from the plundered ranch, he located and attacked the hostile force that outnumbered his small command two-to-one. Three days after that battle at Cuchillo Negro Mountains where three men earned Medals of Honor, Sergeant Brent Woods was part of a twenty-man detachment that again engaged the hostile force. During that battle Sergeant Woods distinguished himself not only as a brave and gallant fighter, but also in the heroic manner in which he went to the assistance of his wounded comrades and injured citizens near McEver's ranch. His actions under fire saved many wounded and innocent civilians from falling into the hands of the hostile Indians."

Source: (http://www.homeofheroes.com/gravesites/states/pages_pz/woods_brent.html)

SHAW, THOMAS (Western Campaigns 1881)

Rank: Sergeant (highest rank: First Sergeant)

Service: U.S. Army

Birthday: 1846

Place of Birth: Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky

Date of Death: 23 June 1895

Place of Death: Washington, D.C.

Cemetery: Arlington National Cemetery (27-952-B) (MH)—Arlington, Virginia

Entered Service at: Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge County, Louisiana

Unit: Company K, 9th U.S. Cavalry

Battle or Place of Action: Carrizo Canyon, New Mexico

Date of Action: 12 August 1881

Date of Issue: 7 December 1890

Citation: Courageously held his ground in an extremely exposed position and prevented the enemy's superior numbers from overwhelming his command.

(<http://www.jimcrowhistory.org/resources/pdf/medallofhonor.pdf>)

"Another Ninth Cavalry trooper to earn the coveted medal was Sergeant Thomas Shaw, who served as a private at Fort Davis in 1870 and 1871. A runaway slave from Kentucky who had joined the Union Army during the Civil War, Shaw was one of the best marksmen in the regiment. In August of 1881, Shaw was part of a small detachment in pursuit of the Apache leader, Nana, and a number of his warriors. The Apaches had attacked a number of small settlements and ranches in southern New Mexico Territory. The outnumbered soldiers surprised the Apaches in Carrizo Canyon on the west side of the Mimbres Mountains. Sergeant Shaw was awarded the Medal of Honor for "extraordinary courage under fire" in preventing the Apaches from surrounding the command."

Source: (http://www.nps.gov/foda/Fort_Davis_WEB_PAGE/About_the_Fort/BLACK_RECIPIENTS_Con_Medal_of_Honor.htm)

Kentucky Minority and Military Service

1992

1991: At Kentucky State University, Mary Levi Smith became the first African American to hold the position of president of a university.⁵⁴

Leonard W. Gray Sr. sponsored the bill that made Martin Luther King Jr. Day a state holiday. He later became Governor Patton's first African American appointee.⁵⁵

1992: Robert Milligan became the first African American KY State Police Captain.⁵⁶

Arnold Simpson became the first African American elected to serve as state representative of Northern Kentucky.⁵⁷

1994

Organizations

Kentuckiana Minority Business Council

614 West Main Street
Suite 5500
Louisville, KY 40202
502-625-0082
www.kmbc.biz

Providing a direct link between corporate America and minority owned businesses is the primary objective of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, one of the country's leading business membership organizations. It was chartered in 1972 to provide increased procurement and business opportunities for minority businesses of all sizes.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Cultural Center

University of Kentucky
133 Student Center
Lexington, Kentucky 40506-0030
859-257-4130 (phone)
859-257-7535 (fax)
www.uky.edu/MLKCC

The MLKCC was established to contribute positively to the recruitment and retention of African American students by aiding in the development of a more hospitable and supportive campus environment. To achieve this goal, the center offers a relaxed, yet stimulating environment where all students of the university can come together to be enriched through diverse cultural exchanges.

The Governor's Office of Minority Empowerment

700 Capital Avenue
Frankfort, KY 40601
(502) 564-2611
www.ome.ky.gov

The OME's mission is to work for the success of minorities throughout the Commonwealth of

Kentucky by promoting self-sufficiency through education and training and ensuring equal access to jobs and economic development thus improving the quality of life for all Kentuckians.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People - www.naACP.org

The mission of NAACP is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

Ashland/Boyd County Branch

Phone: (606)325-9923
Address: P.O. Box 1778
Ashland, KY 41105

Bowling Green/Warren County Branch

Phone: (270)842-1168
Address: P.O. Box 1357,
Bowling Green, KY 42102

Danville/Boyle County Branch

Phone: (859)236-2947
Address: P.O. Box 432
Danville, KY 40423

Frankfort Branch

Phone: (502)875-3383
Address: P.O. Box 306
Frankfort, KY 40601

Georgetown/Scott County Branch

Phone: (502)863-0769
Address: 1199 West Main Street
Georgetown, KY 40324

Hardin County Branch

Phone: (270)877-2772
Address: P.O. Box 813
Radcliff, KY 40159

Organizations

1995

Olive Burroughs was the first African American woman elected to the Owensboro City Commission.⁵⁸

1996

George Nichols III was the first African American insurance commissioner in Kentucky.⁵⁹

1997

Cynthia E. Elliot became the first African American woman to serve as Special Justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court.⁶⁰

1998

Billy Bradford was the first African American to become mayor in Elsmere, Kentucky.⁶¹

1998: Walter T. Bradley Jr. was the first African American on the Midway City Council.⁶²

Henderson County Branch

Phone: (270)827-2798
Address: 400 South Ingram
Henderson, KY 42420

Hopkinsville Branch

Phone: (270)866-8158
Address: P.O. Box 1221
Hopkinsville, KY 42241

Irvington Branch

Phone: (270)756-5780
Address: P.O. Box 130
Garfield, KY 40140

Lexington/Fayette County Branch

Phone: (859)252-7336
Address: 479 Erin Road
Lexington, KY 40511

Louisville/Jefferson County Branch

Phone: (502)776-7608
Address: P.O. Box 161173
Louisville, KY 40256

Madison/Richmond County Branch

Phone: (859)624-2045
Address: 300 Francis Street
Richmond, KY 40475

Madisonville/Hopkins County Branch

Phone: (270)821-4673
Address: P.O. Box 684
Madisonville, KY 42431

Mayfield/Graves County Branch

Phone: (270)247-5198
Address: 1819 South 10th Street
Mayfield, KY 42066

Maysville/Mason County Branch

Phone: (606)584-8929
Address: P.O. Box 37
Maysville, KY 41056

Muhlenberg County Branch

Phone: (270)754-4260
Address: 503 Mittie K Render
Central City, KY 42330

Murray/Calloway County Branch

Phone: (270)761-1509
Address: 900 B. South 10th Street
Mayfield, KY 42066

Northern Branch

Phone: (859)442-7476
Address: P.O. Box 1295
Covington, KY 41012

Owensboro Branch

Phone: (270)302-6814
Address: P.O. Box 12
Owensboro, KY 42302

Paducah Branch

Phone: (574)289-2123
Address: P.O. Box 357
Paducah, KY 42001

Russellville/Logan Branch

Phone: (270)725-8508
Address: P.O. Box 965
Russellville, KY 42276

Shelbyville/Shelby Branch

Address: 316 North Side Drive,
Shelbyville, KY 40065

Webster/Providence County Branch

Phone: (270)667-2424
Address: P.O. Box 55
Providence, KY 42450

Kentucky State Branch

Phone: (574)289-2123
Address: P.O. Box 306
Frankfort, KY 40601

Kentucky Heritage Commission

Nicole Wallace
300 Washington Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 564-7005
(502) 564-5820 (fax)
<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/khc/khchome.htm>

Organizations

1999

James H. "Jimmy" Glenn was the first African American to become president of the University of Kentucky Student government Association.⁶³

1999: Nailah Yarbrough-Jumoke was the first African American candidate for governor of Kentucky.⁶⁴

1999: Steven S. Reed was named the first African American US Attorney in KY by President Clinton.⁶⁵

2000

Denise Clayton became the first African American woman to be appointed a circuit judge in Kentucky.⁶⁶

2000: Ishmon Burks Jr. became the first African American appointed Kentucky State Police Commissioner.⁶⁷

Organizations

Justice Resource Center

(502) 562-6737
1601 Maple St
Louisville, KY 40210

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

Terrie Puckett
50 East Freedom Way
Cincinnati, Oh 45202
513/333-7569
tpuckett@nurf.org
www.freedomcenter.org

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center on the banks of the Ohio River in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio, opened August 23, 2004. A \$110-million facility, the Freedom Center features three pavilions, celebrating courage, cooperation and perseverance. The story of freedom is woven through the heroic legacy of the Underground Railroad and the American struggle to abolish human enslavement and secure freedom for all people. Using the Underground Railroad as a lens through which to explore a range of freedom issues, the Freedom Center offers lessons and reflections on the struggle for freedom in the past, in the present, and for the future. And it helps visitors discover the power of one voice - shared with many - by speaking out about the meaning of freedom.

National Conference for Community and Justice

Christine Jarman/Robert Harris
106 East Eighth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
513/381-4660
cjarman@nccj.org
rharris@nccj.org
www.nccjcincinnati.org

The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), founded in 1927 as The National Conference of Christians and Jews, is a human relations organization dedicated to fighting bias,

bigotry and racism in America. NCCJ promotes understanding and respect among all races, religions and cultures through advocacy, conflict resolution and education.

The National Council of Negro Women

Lexington-Central Kentucky Section
Lexington, KY
(859) 277-1945

Louisville Section
Louisville, KY
(502) 493-3881

Founded in 1905 by Mary McCloud Bethune, The National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) is a national council of African American women's organizations. The NCNW's purpose is to lead and develop women of African descent as they enhance their communities through advocacy and leadership. With its 39 national affiliates and 200 sections, the NCNW helps to fulfill their purpose through extensive research and community based services.

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Louisville Area Office
600 Dr Martin Luther King Jr. Place #268
Louisville, KY 40202
Marcia Hall-Craig, Director
(502) 285 6082; fax (502) 582 5895
www.eeoc.gov

Kentuckiana Minority Business Council

614 W Main St # 5500
Louisville, KY 40202
Derwin Webb, President & CEO
(502) 625 0138; fax (502) 625 0082
dwebb@kmbc.biz
www.kmbc.biz

2001

Eleanor Jordan was the first African American candidate for national office from Kentucky.⁶⁸

2001: Elaine L. Chao became the first Asian American woman appointed to a President's cabinet in US history.⁶⁹

2002

Denise Bentley was the first African American woman to be elected President of the Louisville Board of Aldermen.⁷⁰

2003

Cedric C. Burnam was the first African American elected to the Warren County Fiscal Court.⁷¹

2003: Pamela R. Goodwin was the first African American woman Circuit Court Judge in Fayette County.⁷²

2003: Derrick Graham was the first African American to serve the 57th District.⁷³

Kentucky African American Heritage Commission

To identify and promote awareness of the significant African American influences upon the history and culture of Kentucky and to support and encourage the preservation of Kentucky African American heritage. Because African Americans have made significant contributions to the social and cultural life of the Commonwealth, the African American Heritage Commission will create a deeper understanding of the past accomplishments and ongoing influence of African Americans on the heritage of the Commonwealth.

300 Washington Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 564-7005 phone
(502) 564-5820 fax

Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission

All Kentuckians will recognize, appreciate and understand the significant contributions Native Americans have made to Kentucky's rich cultural heritage. Through education and increased awareness, the people of Kentucky will understand the histories, cultures and matters of concern to Native American peoples.

300 Washington Street
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(502) 564-7005 phone
(502) 564-5820 fax

Crane House: The Asia Institute

1244 South Third Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40203
(502) 635-2240 phone
(502) 635-7659 fax
adm@cranehouse.org email
http://www.cranehouse.org/ website

Crane House actively promotes cultural understanding among the peoples of the United States and Asia through education. Crane House opened in 1987 as a Chinese cultural center, under the leadership of Helen Lang, founder. In 1996,

Crane House broadened its mission to become an Asian Center, with the goal of becoming the premier regional organization providing educational services and cultural programs focused on Asia.

Japan-America Society of Kentucky

167 West Main Street, Suite 1200
Lexington, KY 40588
(859) 231-7533 phone
(859) 233-9407 fax
info@jask.org email
http://www.jask.org website

Established in 1987, the Japan-America Society of Kentucky (JASK) is a nonprofit, nonpolitical membership organization dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the business, cultural and social practices and customs of Japan and Kentucky. Headquartered in Lexington, JASK provides member events and services throughout the state.

Organization of Chinese Americans, Kentucky Chapter

P.O. Box 7526
Louisville, KY 40257
www.ocaky.org

OCA is a national organization dedicated to advancing the social, political and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans in the United States.

Jewish Community Center of Louisville

3600 Dutchmans Lane
Louisville, KY 40205

The Jewish Community Center is Jewish in purpose, community-wide in scope, and a center of cultural, educational, recreational, and social activities.

Hispanic Latino Coalition

(502) 636-9121
224 Woodbine St
Louisville, KY 40208

Organizations

2005

2006

Robert C. Asseo became the first Hispanic citizen to be appointed to the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.⁷⁴

Bernice Dickerson is currently the oldest serving elected official in Kentucky.⁷⁵

Court of Appeals Judge William E. McNulty Jr. becomes the first African-American on the Kentucky Supreme Court.⁷⁶

Amul Thapar becomes the first Indian American to serve as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The following are descriptions of some of the positions, both elected and non-elected, of the people who are featured in our directory.

Supreme Court Justices

The Supreme Court of Kentucky is the court of last resort and the final interpreter of state law. It consists of seven justices who are elected from the seven appellate districts and serve eight-year terms. The Chief Justice of the Commonwealth is chosen by his or her colleagues and serves a term of four years. The justices, as a panel, hear appeals of decisions from the lower courts and issue decisions or "opinions" on cases. The Supreme Court is also responsible for establishing rules of practice and procedures for the Court of Justice, which includes the conduct of judges and attorneys.

State Senators

State Senators must be at least 30 years old, be a citizen of Kentucky, and have resided in the state at least 6 years and in the district at least one year prior to the election. Senators are elected for four-year terms, with half the Senate elected every two years. They pass legislation, debate issues, and help allocate the proper assistance across Kentucky.

State Representatives

State Representatives must be at least 24 years old, be a citizen of Kentucky, and have resided in the state at least 2 years and in the district at least 1 year prior to election. Representatives are elected for two-year terms in November following the regular session of the General Assembly. The entire House is elected at the same time. The House is the other chamber of the Kentucky General Assembly. *(They more or less serve the same role as the State Senators except for a few different Constitutional variances.)*

Circuit Court Judges

The Circuit Court is the court of general jurisdiction and hears civil matters involving more than \$4,000.00. Circuit courts have jurisdiction over cases involving capital offenses and felonies, divorces, adoptions, terminations of parental rights, land dispute title problems, and contested probates of will. Circuit courts have the power to

issue injunctions, writs of prohibition, writs of mandamus, and hear appeals from district courts and administrative agencies. One judge may serve more than one county within a circuit. Some circuits contain only one county but have several judges, depending on population and caseload. Circuit judges serve eight-year terms.

District Court Judges

The District Court has limited jurisdiction, which means it hears only certain types of cases. Ninety percent of all Kentuckians involved in court proceedings appear in District Court. Juvenile matters, city and county ordinances, misdemeanors, traffic offenses, probate of wills, felony preliminary hearings, and civil cases involving \$4,000 or less are heard in District Court. Guardianship and conservatorship for disabled persons are in District Court, as well as voluntary and involuntary mental commitments and cases relating to domestic violence and abuse. If a district has a high population and a heavy caseload, it may consist of only one county but have several judges. In less populated areas, a district may encompass more than one county, but have only one judge who travels between the counties to hear cases.

County Commissioners/Magistrates

County Commissioners and Magistrates serve similar roles in various facets, but are different in others. County Commissioners hold no other powers or duties outside of those held as a member of the fiscal court; however, they may perform marriages, if authorized. Magistrates also serve on the county's fiscal court and can perform marriage if authorized. The position of magistrate is a constitutional position that must be filled, but County Commissioners may also exist depending on the form of county government.

Government Positions

**School Board Members/
Superintendents**

School board members serve as key policy makers for school districts and tailor their policies to work within national and state guidelines. These members are key components to the community because they serve as advocates for children and proper education. Superintendents are the chief official of the educational system within a given district. These individuals have the authority to create policy and supervise the district's actions. Combined with the school board, superintendents work towards allocating money appropriately and establishing guidelines, both educationally and socially, for students to follow. School board members and superintendents work towards establishing a structured environment to assist children in reaching their maximum potential.

Mayors

The Mayor serves as the official head of government within a city. The mayoral tasks include formulating policy, delivering city services, and establishing priorities for the entire city. Mayors must coordinate and monitor policies to ensure they meet the goals of the community. Generally, mayors work with city councils or city commissioners and preside over city council meetings.

Councilmembers/Commissioners

Councilmembers/Commissioners hold a part time position under a Council/Manager form of government. They compose the legislative body of the City. The members adopt the laws and policies for their local government. They are usually responsible for appropriating funds to operate City government, adopting a budget to guide expenditures and revenue, and defining the powers and duties of appointed officers and employees.

Government Positions



Supreme Court**William McAnulty**

700 W Jefferson
Louisville, 40202
502-595-3430
African American

State Senators**Gerald Neal**

One Riverfront Plaza
401 West Main Street, Suite 1807
Louisville, 40202
502-584-8500
African American

State Representatives**Jesse Crenshaw**

121 Constitution
Lexington, 40507
859-259-1402
African American

Derrick Graham

157 Bellemeade Drive
Frankfort, 40601
502-223-1769
African American

Reginald Meeks

P.O. Box 757
Louisville, 40201
502-772-1095
African American

Darryl Owens

1300 West Broadway
Louisville, 40203
502-584-6341
African American

Arnold Simpson

28 West 5th Street
Covington, 41011
859-261-6577
African American

Circuit Court**Denise Clayton**

Circuit Judge
Circuit 30, Division 4
700 W Jefferson
Louisville, 40202
African American

Pamela Goodwine

Circuit Judge
Circuit 22, Division 4
120 N Limestone
Lexington, 40507
African American

Gary Payne

Circuit Judge
Circuit 22, Division 2
120 N Limestone
Lexington, 40507
African American

District Court**Jerry Crosby**

District Judge
District 12, Division 1
100 West Main Street
LaGrange, 40031
African American

Arnold Lynch

District Judge
District 3, Division 2
216 West Seventh Street
Hopkinsville, 42240
African American

Janice Martin

District Judge
District 30, Division 9
600 W Jefferson
Louisville, 40202
African American

Clyde Reed

District Judge
District 10, Division 1
209 W High Street
Hodgenville, 42748
African American

Joan "Toni" Stringer

District Judge
District 30, Division 13
600 W Jefferson
Louisville, 40202
African American

County Commissioners & Magistrates**Rudolph Pettus**

County Magistrate
Christian County
707 E 1st Street
Hopkinsville, 42240
African American

Charles McCutchen

County Magistrate
Simpson County
PO Box 242
Franklin, 42134
270-586-6711
African American

Cedric C. Burnam

County Magistrate
Warren County
1015 Beauty Avenue
Bowling Green, 42101
African American

School Board Members**Felix Akojie**

Paducah Board of Education
African American

Randall Bartleson

Harrodsburg Board of Education
African American

Carol Bransford

Fulton Board of Education
African American

Wallis Brooks

Paris Board of Education
African American

Jacqueline Burnside

Berea Board of Education
African American

Regina Churchill

Elizabethtown Board of Education
African American

William Cofield

Franklin County Board of Education
African American

Larry Conner

Fayette County Board of Education
African American

Terry Cunningham

Mason County Board of Education
African American

Ann Elmore

Jefferson County Board of Education
African American

Daniel Fisher

Eminence Board of Education
African American

William Greenwell

Union County Board of Education
African American

Jerry Hopkins

Providence Board of Education
African American

Brenda Jackson

Shelby County Board of Education
African American

Larry Jackson

Mayfield Board of Education
African American

Ricky Johnson

Paris Board of Education
African American

Government Positions

James Keeton
Ashland Board of Education
African American

Darryll Lynch
Christian County Board of Education
Asian

Luther Mason
Scott County Board of Education
African American

Joseph Menez
Beechwood Board of Education
Hispanic

Pa Morehead-Johnson
Eminence Board of Education
African American

Valorie Morse
Henderson County Board of Education
African American

Venita Murphy
Providence Board of Education
African American

Jacque Pope-Tarrence
Bowling Green Board of Education
African American

Brenda Ratliff
Knott County Board of Education
African American

Kathy Reed
Bardstown Board of Education
African American

Danny Rutherford
Allen County Board of Education
Hispanic

Dennis Smith
Hazard Board of Education
African American

John Smith
Henry County Board of Education
African American

Marvin Swann
Danville Board of Education
African American

Barkley Taylor
Campbellsville Board of Education
African American

Chandra Varia
Floyd County Board of Education
Indian

Debbie Vaughn
Fulton Board of Education
African American

Phillip West
Russellville Board of Education
African American

Elaine Wilson
Somerset Board of Education
African American

Phyllis Young
Scott County Board of Education
African American

Mayors

Mike Irby
Mayor of Burkesville
P.O. Box 250
Burkesville, 42717
270-864-5391
Asian

Billy Bradford
Mayor of Elsmere
318 Garvey Avenue
Elsmere, 41018
859-342-7911
African American

Maude Teegarden
Mayor of Germantown
P.O. Box 93
Germantown, 41044
606-883-3610
African American

Harold Pittman
Mayor of Hazel
P.O. Box 156
Hazel, 42049-0156
270-492-6464
African American

Frank Stafford
Mayor of Mortons Gap
P.O. Box 367
Mortons Gap, 42440-0367
270-258-5362
African American

Tessie Cecil
Mayor of New Haven
P.O. Box 98
New Haven, 40051-0098
502-549-3569
Pacific Islander

Councilmembers & Commissioners

Bernice Dickerson
Councilmember of Adairville
270-539-8501
African American

Danny Finch
Councilmember of Adairville
270-532-9731
African American

Martha Elliot
Councilmember of Auburn
270-542-4149
African American

Francis Lydian
Councilmember of Bardstown
502-348-5947
African American

Bill Sheckles
Councilmember of Bardstown
502-348-3929
African American

Mahlon Thomas
Councilmember of Bardwell
270-628-5415
African American

Benzell Bard
Commissioner of Beaver Dam
270-274-7106
African American

Lacey Griffey
Councilmember of Benham
606-848-5506
African American

Danny White
Councilmember of Benham
606-848-5506
African American

Violet Farmer
Councilmember of Berea
859-986-8528
African American

Billy Maxey
Councilmember of Burkesville
270-864-5391
African American

Earl Higgins
Councilmember of Campbellsville
859-498-9075
African American

Francis Clinkscales
Councilmember of Campbellsville
270-465-7011
African American

Howard Dillard
Councilmember of Clinton
270-653-6419
African American

Greg Owen
Councilmember of Crofton
270-424-5111
African American

Government Positions

Government Positions

Katherine Dixon
Councilmember of Cumberland
606-589-2107
African American

Randy White
Commissioner of Dover
African American

Roger Frazier
Councilmember of Drakesboro
270-476-8986
African American

Barbara Chase
Councilmember of
Earlington
270-383-5364
African American

Wanda Wilson
Councilmember of
Earlington
270-383-5471
African American

Anthony Bishop
Councilmember of
Elizabethtown
270-737-5390
African American

Eugene Jefferson
Councilmember of Elkton
270-265-9877
African American

Laura Whitney
Councilmember of Eminence
502-845-4159
African American

Leeroy Winburn
Councilmember of
Eminence
502-845-4159
African American

Jackie Renfro
Councilmember of Evarts
606-837-2477
African American

Aaron Cunningham
Commissioner of Fincastle
African American

Wendell Stewart
Commissioner of Franklin
270-586-4497
African American

Herbert Williams
Commissioner of Franklin
270-586-8073
African American

Bias Tilford, Sr.
Councilmember of
Georgetown
African American

Dunnie Markey
Commissioner of
Germantown
African American

Donna Ruark
Commissioner of Germantown
606-883-3610
African American

Jack Teegarden
Commissioner of Germantown
606-883-3610
African American

William Mumphy
Commissioner of Ghent
502-347-9706
African American

William Webb
Councilmember of Glasgow
270-651-5131
African American

Jerry Cowherd
Councilmember of
Greensburg
270-932-4298
African American

Brooks Jackson
Councilmember of Greenup
606-473-7331
African American

Paul Martin
Councilmember of Greenville
270-338-3966
African American

Annie Morehead
Councilmember of Guthrie
270-483-2511
African American

George Winters
Councilmember of Guthrie
270-483-2511
African American

Nettie Parker
Councilmember of
Hardinsburg
270-756-2213
African American

Dan Doyle
Councilmember of
Hawesville
270-927-8707
African American

Fred Atkins
Councilmember of Hopkinsville
270-886-7453
African American

Phillip Brooks
Councilmember of Hopkinsville
270-885-6980
African American

Patricia Waddell-Bell
Councilmember of Hopkinsville
270-887-4000
African American

Randall Curry
Councilmember of Horse
Cave
270-786-2680
African American

Vickie Rogers
Councilmember of Horse
Cave
270-786-2680
African American

Anita Johnson
Councilmember of
Jeffersonton
502-267-8333
African American

James Beaumont
Councilmember of LaGrange
502-222-1433
African American

Denise Watts-Wilson
Councilmember of LaGrange
502-222-1433
African American

George Brown
Councilmember of Lexington
859-258-3205
African American

George Myers
Councilmember of Lexington
859-258-3200
African American

Jacque Wigginton
Councilmember of Lexington
859-258-3200
African American

Cheri Bryant Hamilton
Councilmember of Louisville
502-574-1105
African American

Barbara Shanklin
Councilmember of Louisville
502-574-1102
African American

David Tandy
Councilmember of Louisville
African American

George Unseld
Councilmember of Louisville
502-574-1106
African American

Leonard Watkins
Councilmember of Louisville
502-574-2003
African American

Mary Woolridge
Councilmember of Louisville
 502-574-1103
 African American

Bennie Massey
Councilmember of Lynch
 606-848-5624
 African American

Darnell Hipsher
Councilmember of Manchester
 606-598-3456
 African American

Mahendra Varia
Councilmember of Martin
 606-285-9335
 Asian

Johnny Jackson
Councilmember of Mayfield
 270-247-1981
 African American

Patrick Spradling
Commissioner of Meadowview Estates
 502-574-3587
 American Indian

Phillip Duncan
Councilmember of Monticello
 606-348-0167
 African American

James Sharber
Councilmember of Mortons Gap
 270-258-5362
 African American

James Ralls
Councilmember of Mount Sterling
 859-498-8725
 African American

Mary Shirley
Councilmember of Munfordville
 270-524-5664
 African American

Doris Clark-Parham
Councilmember of Murray
 270-762-0350
 African American

Danny Hudspeth
Councilmember of Murray
 270-762-0350
 African American

Lonnie Hardin
Commissioner of New Castle
 502-845-5750
 African American

Shirley Gillespie
Councilmember of Oak Grove
 270-439-4646
 African American

Annetta Richmond
Councilmember of Oak Grove
 270-439-4646
 African American

Jim Glenn
Commissioner of Owensboro
 270-687-8550
 African American

Robert Coleman
Commissioner of Paducah
 270-442-1502
 African American

Herman Hutsell
Commissioner of Paris
 859-987-2110
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Kentucky Veterans Minority Statistics

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The Office of Policy in the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is responsible for administering a range of programs and analyses concerning veteran surveys, demographics, and population estimates. Within the Office of Policy, the Office of the Actuary (OACT) develops estimates and projections of the veteran population and their characteristics.

The current estimate and projection of the veteran population is contained in VetPop2004 Version 1.0 released by OACT in April 2005. The VetPop2004 Version 1.0 estimate and projection is based on several data sources: (1) extracts from a Census 2000 sample data prepared for OACT by the Bureau of the Census, (2) data provided by the Defense Manpower Data Center on service member separations from active duty, (3) information from the Department of Defense, Office of the Actuary, and (4) VA administrative data from the Veterans Benefits Administration and the Veterans Health Administration.

DATA QUALITY

The OACT works continuously to improve the source data and methodology for its estimates and projections of the veteran population. Presently, the estimate and projection provides point values (single numbers) rather than a range of estimates (multiple values, which would reflect the uncertainty of the estimation and projection process).

It is critically important that VetPop users understand the uncertainty associated with using these point values. Users must take the uncertainty of these estimates and projections into consideration as they use this data. As such, at a minimum, OACT recommends that point values be rounded to the nearest 1,000.

